

REMARKS

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Examiner's final Action of October 16, 2006 be extended two months, from January 16, 2007 to March 16, 2007.

Authorization to charge a Credit Card is given to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the application. Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to further define the holding member as detachably attached to the portable device body. Support for the claim amendments may be found at page 5, lines 25 to 27 of the specification. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments.

Waldmeier (U.S. Patent No. 4, 275, 810) is directed towards a package for gem stones so as to permit trading gem stones similar to the present-day trading in gold coins (Waldmeier column 1, lines 62-66). Disks 2 and 3 are made of a transparent material so that a gem stone encased in the chamber 7 is visible from the outside. The disks 2 and 3 are clamped by clamping rings 11 and 12. Waldmeier specifically teaches that the clamping rings 11 and 12 are tightened together and inseparably bonded with one another by cold welding (see column 2, lines 19-25 and column 3, lines 57-65). Waldmeier specifically teaches that the disks (and the rings) can be separated only upon destruction of the package (see abstract and column 4, lines 43-47). There would be no motivation to detachably attach the rings 11 and 12 to the disks 2

and 3, because doing so would have been against the teachings of Waldmeier. For at least this reason, the rejections should be withdrawn.

Furthermore, Waldmeier teaches a technique for making it difficult to open the disks 2 and 3 and discloses the disks 2 and 3 can be separated only upon destruction of the package. One having ordinary skill in the art does not intend to encase an electronic component in the disks 2 and 3 of Waldmeier. The reason follows: An electronic component that transmits and receives wireless signals requires routine maintenance, such as replacement of the battery, that requires one to open the portable device body. However, the disks 2 and 3 of Waldmeier can be separated only upon destruction of the package. If an electronic component that transmits and receives wireless signals is encased in the disks 2 and 3 of Waldmeier, and further clamped together with clamping rings 11 and 12, it is impossible to perform routine maintenance on the electronic component. Accordingly, there would be no motivation for one having ordinary skill in the art to combine Waldmeier with Elliot (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0164993) to arrive at the claimed invention. For at least this reason, Claims 1 and 11 are patentable over Waldmeier in view of Elliot.

Conclusion

The present invention is not taught or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, the

Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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